



Catherine Pugh
Mayor

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Kevin Davis
Police Commissioner

May 5, 2017

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 17-0019
Bike Lanes – Increased Parking Penalties**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD or the Department) has reviewed Council Bill 17-0019. This bill is for the purpose of allowing for the towing of vehicles in properly marked and designated bike lanes and for increasing the fine for parking or standing in a bike lane, among other things.

The Department supports this bill.

Baltimore City is a community of neighborhoods, and neighborhoods are the fabric of this City. Increased walkability and alternative modes of transportation, including the use of bicycles, not only make our streets safer through a reduction in traffic accidents, but allow for more citizen interaction and stronger and safer neighborhoods. City Council Bill No. 17-0019 furthers this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Department looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Gillis
Director of Government Affairs